

REMARKS

Favorable reconsideration of this application, in light of the preceding amendments and following remarks, is respectfully requested.

Claims 1 - 31 are pending in this application. No claims are amended, added, or cancelled. Claims 1, 2, 3, 11, 13, 26, and 31 are the independent claims. Applicants respectfully note the present action indicates that the drawings have been accepted by the Examiner. Applicants note with appreciation that claims 26-27 and 31 are allowed.

IDS

The Examiner asserts that the IDS filed on June 25, 2003 fails to comply with the provisions of 37 C.F.R. 1.97, 1.98 and MPEP § 609. Applicants have submitted an IDS, concurrently with the filing of this Request for Reconsideration, in accordance with the above-identified rules. Applicants respectfully requests consideration on the merits of the references listed on the March 12, 2008 IDS.

DOUBLE PATENTING

Claims 1-25 and 28-30 are rejected under the judicially created doctrine of obviousness-type double patenting as being unpatentable over Rollender (U.S. Patent No. 6,810,261), Rollender (U.S. Patent No. 6,748,227), and Rollender (U.S. Patent No. 6,603,974) (collectively the "Rollender Patents"). Applicants have submitted, concurrently with this Request for Reconsideration, a terminal disclaimer to obviate the Examiner's double patenting rejection. In view of this terminal disclaimer, Applicants respectfully request that the rejection to claims 1-25 and 28-30 be withdrawn.

CONCLUSION

In view of the above remarks, the Applicants respectfully submit that each of the pending objections and rejections has been addressed and overcome, placing the present application in condition for allowance. A notice to that effect is respectfully requested. If the Examiner believes that personal communication will expedite prosecution of this application, the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned.

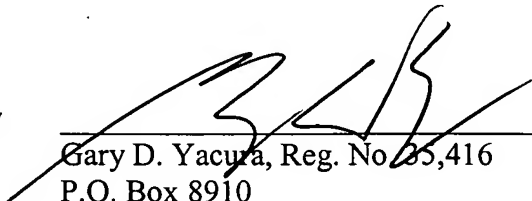
Should there be any outstanding matters that need to be resolved in the present application, the Examiner is respectfully requested to contact Gary D. Yacura, at the telephone number of the undersigned below.

If necessary, the Commissioner is hereby authorized in this, concurrent, and future replies, to charge payment or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 08-0750 for any additional fees required under 37 C.F.R. § 1.16 or under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17; particularly, extension of time fees.

Respectfully submitted,

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